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number of the names borne by the types seem never to have been published.—J. A. A.

Bendire on the Nests and Eggs of Rare Species of North American Birds.—In the 'Proceedings' of the U. S. National Museum, Captain C. E. Bendire has recently published two papers on the nest and eggs of several little known species of North American birds. The first treats of the California Black-capped Gnatcatcher,* describing its nest and eggs found by Mr. F. Stephens at San Bernardino, Cal. — the first thus far described. The second paper† describes the nests and eggs of several species, collected by Lieut. Harry C. Benson near Fort Huachuca, Southern Arizona. These are the Band-tailed Pigeon (*Columba fasciata*), the Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo abbreviatus*), the Aplomado Falcon (*Falco fusco-cærulescens*), Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*), the Arizona Jay (*Aphelocoma sieberii arizonæ*), the White-necked Raven (*Corvus cryptoleucus*), Stephens's Vireo (*Vireo huttoni stephensi*), and the Lead-colored Bush-tit (*Psaltiriparus plumbeus*).—J. A. A.

Lawrence on a New Species of American Bird.—In the 'Proceedings' of the U. S. National Museum Mr. George N. Lawrence has described‡ a new species of *Catharus* (*C. berlepschi*), from Ecuador, allied to *C. fuscater*.—J. A. A.

Stejneger on the Japanese Creepers.—Dr. Stejneger, in his 'Review of Japanese Birds,' has recently discussed the Creepers of the genus *Certhia*,§ of which he recognizes two forms, *C. familiaris* and *C. f. scandulaca*, which he treats at length with his usual discrimination and thoroughness.

Dr. Stejneger has also published a paper on the type specimen of *Galinula eurizonoides* Lafr.,|| described as from "l'Inde," but which Dr. Stejneger thinks it pretty safe to assume came from the Philippine Archipelago. Its near Indian ally is accordingly named *Euryzona eurizonoides amauroptera* (Blyth).—J. A. A.

Beckham on the Birds of Southwestern Texas.¶—In a posthumous paper of over sixty pages the late Mr. Beckham has recorded his observations on the birds observed by him during December, 1886, and January,

*Description of the Nest and Eggs of the California Black-capped Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila californica* Brewster). Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1887, pp. 549-550.

†Notes on a Collection of Birds' Nests and Eggs from Southern Arizona Territory. Ibid., pp. 551-558.

‡Description of a New Species of Bird of the genus *Catharus*, from Ecuador. Ibid., 1887, 503. (Aug. 6, 1888.)

§Review of Japanese Birds. VII.—The Creepers. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1887, pp. 606-611. (Sept. 19, 1888.)

||On the Type-specimen of *Euryzona eurizonoides* (Lafr.). Proc. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist. Vol. XXIII, pp. 461-464. (May, 1888.)

¶Observations on the Birds of Southwestern Texas. By Charles Wickliffe Beckham. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1887, pp. 633-696. (Sept. 19, 1888.)